

Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility

National Naval Medical Center (NNMC)

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Bethesda, MD 20814
Congressional District 8
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Current Progress at the Site

On November 21, 2000, EPA issued to the NNMC its Permit for corrective action and waste minimization to the facility based on the authorities of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). The Permit requires the facility to conduct an environmental investigation of the Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and Areas of Concern (AOCs) at the site. Proper management of hazardous materials and a RCRA Facility Investigation to determine the extent of releases of hazardous waste and/or constituents at the facility are also required by the EPA permit. On December 16, 2002, EPA approved the RFI Work Plan to conduct the environmental investigation required in the Permit. EPA has additionally approved the Interim Measures report of remediation of onsite contaminants at Area of Concern #1, renovated to allow for redevelopment. The RFI is currently in process.

Site Description

The 243-acre federal facility, formally known as the Naval Medical Command National Capital Region, is called the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD. NNMC is a large hospital, laboratory and medical research facility which generates various waste streams. The facility is located in Bethesda, Montgomery County, Maryland within the Washington D.C. metropolitan area.

Site Responsibility

RCRA Corrective Action activities at this facility are being conducted under the direction of EPA Region 3 with assistance from the State.

Contaminants

The RCRA Facility Investigation of the site will determine the nature and extent of contaminants at the SWMUs and Areas of Concerns. EPA will evaluate the data gathered during the RFI and determine if clean-up measures are necessary to protect human health and the environment.

Community Interaction

The proposed permit was available for public review and comment until July 17, 2000. All related documents for the permit were available to the general public at the Montgomery County Public Library, Bethesda, Md. No public comments were received.

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